

## House Resolution No. 3462

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Donald L. Cook, a treasured resident of Lesterville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday on July 3, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at Gladden Dale School in Centerville; and

**Whereas**, Donald Cook came into this world in St. Louis on July 2, 1924, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Oscar and Annabelle Cook, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Donald Cook embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Luellen Cook, a kind and loving woman with whom he has shared the love and affection of four fine children; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Donald Cook dutifully served his country in the United States Army during World War II, receiving the Silver Star and three Purple Hearts; and

**Whereas**, Donald Cook provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as an educator for many years, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Lions Club, V.F.W., and the Tennessee Walking Horse Club; and

**Whereas**, Donald Cook has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Luellen; his four children, Ron Cook, Virginia Altrogge, Carmen Morgan, and LuAnn Fallahi; and his eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now eighty years young, Donald Cook faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those he holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Donald Cook as he proudly celebrates eighty years of achievement, and in wishing him much peace and prosperity as he continues his journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Donald L. Cook.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative J.C. Kuessner  
District No. 152

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3462, adopted June 23, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker